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### BRINGING THINGS UP TO DATE.

What are reasonable people to think of the judgment or candor of those who assert that men have no right to meet in convention or assembly, before the primary, to express opinion or preference as to persons to be submitted for consideration for primary nominations? Nothing so fatuous ever has been asserted since the right of free discussion was recognized among men.—Oregonian.

Certainly people have the right—both legal and moral—to assemble and to express their opinions, individually and collectively, and they have the legal right to denounce all who do not agree with them; but when they assemble in the name of a party and denounce all who do not agree with them as to the advisability of nominating certain aspirants for office—then, though they are still within their legal rights, they have exceeded their moral and political rights.

A great many who claim to be republicans object to the proposed assembly because they believe:

First, That its most earnest advocates, including such men as Seneca Beach and Ralph Williams, are opposed to the primary law and desire its nullification and repeal.

Second, That all known opponents of the primary law favor the assembly; though, it is true, on the plea of securing party unity, they have obtained the co-operation of a number who believe in the primary law and can not see that it is endangered by the assembly plan.

If the assembly candidates are nominated and elected the primary law will be dead, and the people will not attend primary elections, for they will have been shown the strength of the assembly manipulators and will come to the conclusion that there is no use of opposing them. We will then have reverted to the condition of political slavery that existed in Oregon for so many years when decent citizens refused to attend the primaries and the election of delegates to state and county conventions was merely a struggle between two men seeking to control the party organization.

It is thought by many that the master brain behind this assembly plan is that of Joseph Simon, mayor of Portland. As far back as the writer's remembrance of Oregon's political history extends Mr. Simon has been a leader of one faction of the party, and his methods have been as unscrupulous as those of the men with whom he struggled for party control. In the first Penney campaign, when Cornelius was the Republican nominee for Governor; Waldo the Republican nominee for Supreme Judge, and Strahan, the Democratic nominee for that office, Simon was the chairman of the Republican Central Committee and Barney Goldsmith chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee. Simon caused bogus Republican tickets to be printed, and by this and other means, easy before the Australian ballot was adopted, defeated Waldo, and at the same election Cornelius (the Republican) was defeated by Penney. With honest Australian ballots and an honest chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, this result would have been impossible. It was Penney's success that brought Chamberlain into prominence, so that Joseph Simon was one of the factors in creating a political career for "Our George." Nearly everybody, including the editor of the Oregonian, remembers the Simon-Lotan primaries, where, according to that paper, men were bought like sheep, and Democrats participated in those Republican primaries in far greater proportion than numbers than they have under the direct primary law. Simon, it was Simon and sometimes Mitchell—but, whoever won, the methods were always the same—bribery, fraud and violence. Then came the election of Mr. Simon to the United States Senate—a position it would have been impossible for him to secure by popular vote. We would like to have the honest opinion of the Oregonian as to how that prize was secured. The Simonian county delegation in the special election of 1898 was placed in the support of Corbett. Twenty-five members of the Legislature, including the editor of this paper, agreed to stay out of caucus until Mr. Corbett's name was withdrawn, and right there is where the editor made a fool of himself and helped play Mr. Simon's game. C. W. Fulton was one of the twenty-five, but subsequent events have shown that he may have been wise. When Corbett's name was withdrawn and the Republican caucus met, the Multnomah delegation buried Corbett's political aspirations without a tear and voted, with the possible exception of J. Thoburn Ross, for Joseph Simon for United States Senator. A resolution was introduced at that caucus requesting Oregon's representation in Congress to the people of the amendment to the Federal constitution, providing for the election of United States Sen-

ators by direct vote of the people. Mr. Simon was President of the Senate and voted "no," saying, with a smile, "The present method of electing United States Senators exactly suits Mr. President." No wonder, for by it he had been able to sidetrack his benefactor and seat himself in the United States Senate.

Mr. Simon is in control in Portland. He and his allies will name the 350 Multnomah County delegates to the state assembly, and the assembly will name for Governor of Oregon either Joseph Simon or one of his lieutenants. He is the first product of the assembly plan, and with the immediate future in view, he has made Portland—in many respects—a good mayor.

He is opposed to election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people, and so are all the real leaders of the assembly plan. Those who agree with him on this point (and all who do so must necessarily be opposed to the primary law) should fight the assembly and vote for its candidates in the primary election, but those who believe the people should retain the power it has taken them so many years to secure should enforce the assembly plan and do their best to defeat the assembly candidates in the primary election.

### BURDENING THE MAILS.

While the government is blaming the magazines and newspapers for the postal deficiency the department at Washington seem to be doing their utmost to increase it by burdening the mails with an immense amount of waste basket material. Every department seems to have a free bureau and a hired booster whose business is to create public sentiment in favor of its special fad. The country newspapers are unfortunate enough to be the objects of special attention from these faddists and daily receive numbers of envelopes containing matter which is "released for publication" after a certain date. The craze for publicity must certainly have reached the extreme. If the authorities at Washington know anything of special interest to the people of Columbia county we would be tickled to get the information, but we really haven't time nor space to present to our readers the contents of the numerous official documents being sent daily through the mails. If there is anybody in Columbia county silly enough to bite at the "Spanish Swindle" and send their good money to Alfonso's country in the hope of being made administrator of an estate and possibly owner of a "castle in Spain," we are perfectly willing to have them separated from their coin. It is said that charity should begin at home, and the same is true of reforms. It will help come if the departments will quit sending out their special pleas and if the franking privilege were so curtailed as to cut out its abuses and restrict its use to actual official business the deficit would be materially decreased.

The Pomona Grange of Lane county, Oregon, is strongly in favor of good roads, more especially since the members have been compelled to travel over all almost impassable highways this winter in going to and from their places of meeting. They have appealed to the legislative committee of the Oregon state grange to prepare a bill and have it presented to the next session of the legislature urging its passage permitting road districts to bond themselves for a sufficient amount to make such permanent improvement as the majority of resident landowners of such districts or combination of districts may deem necessary or expedient. The building and maintaining of good roads is the most pressing question now before the farmers and the proper solution of the question will do more to develop the national resources of the country than any other one thing.

The "third degree" of modern times is simply the old custom of criminal courts of "putting to the torture." The same instruments are not used, but science has provided more cruelities. The law officials are just as fiendish and just as stupid as ever were those who stretched honest men on the racks before solemn judges, who asked questions and exacted confessions of impossible crimes from the pain-maddened wretches. The "third degree" is defended by the same arguments and the same kind of men as defended the use of the thumbscrew, the rack, the hot irons and all the hideous and awful machinery that went in olden times to make up the weapons of justice. And the justice dealt out was about the same in too many cases, too.

Pinchot may be a desperate scoundrel, but what's his motive? To us he seems to stand for a correct principle, even if he be an extremist. The plundering of the public domain has been bold and infamous, and we do not believe the manner in which it has been done has hastened the development of our resources or the settlement of the Northwest. Hundreds of homestead entries in Columbia were made for the purpose of sale to the timber barons, and hundreds of settlers in good faith have been compelled to sell at any price in order to avoid being isolated by the timber holdings. Under a forestry system many tracts of land now abandoned would be brought under cultivation, and no one man would ever obtain possession of over four million dollars worth of timber lands.

The Ridgefield Reflector states that a sawmill is to be built at a place called Sara at a cost of \$8000, to cut 10,000 feet per day and employ 70 men. We are glad the investment is small for it takes 70 men to cut 49,999 feet of lumber per day the profits will not be large.

### OUR PORTLAND LETTER

PORTLAND, March 1.—(Special.)—Oregon is to get wide publicity throughout the East during the coming year if the plan of Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway, works out. Mr. Hill proposes to gather exhibits of what Oregon raises and place them in an exhibit car which will be sent East and routed through the sections of the country where it will do the most good. That these exhibits will accomplish a great deal, accompanied as they will be by a lecturer, is certain and that many thousands of settlers will be brought to this state as a direct result is believed.

An actual demonstration of what this state can produce in fruits, grains, vegetables, etc., will unquestionably prove convincing to the Easterner. Attractive literature will accompany the exhibit car, telling of opportunities here for the homeseeker and the lecturer will answer questions about this state. President Hill asks support for his plan from Oregon people in the gathering of exhibits with which to equip the car. His company now has representatives in this state collecting information to be used in the advertising campaign to be waged by Mr. Hill.

Portland is to have an aviation meet March 5, 6 and 7. Business men have organized a three days' exhibition of flying machines and D. O. Lively has been made manager of the event. Charles K. Hamilton, celebrated aviator who made flights at the Los Angeles meet and captured many prizes, will be the star of the coming contest. He will try to set new world's records for altitude, high and low speed flights. Four local aeroplanes will be entered in the contests, while Mr. Hamilton will bring Curtiss, Wright and Farman biplanes, which he will fly. Big prizes are offered for successful flights and with favorable weather conditions, it is expected some new world's records may be made. The meet will be held on the Country Club grounds east of the city. Special rates have been made on the O. R. & N. Southern Pacific and Hill lines from outside points to Portland and return during the progress of the meet, and a large attendance is expected.

A remarkable sale of Oregon fruit lands was made during the past week when the Burrell orchard of 665 acres, near Medford in the Rogue River Valley, passed to new owners for the record-breaking figure of \$500,000. Captain Gordon Voorhies, of Portland, sold the property to C. M. Speck and associates of Spokane. The orchard has a splendid record, returning a fortune each year from its large acreage of apples and pears. It is said, a portion of the orchard may be subdivided and sold in small tracts by the new owners.

Since the Portland Union Stockyards opened for business last September, 2189 cars of livestock have been handled there, representing an approximate valuation of \$4,900,000, according to Manager D. O. Lively. The market thus established has been of great value to the city and to livestock growers throughout the Pacific Northwest for competition for their products has resulted in better prices and quicker sales than formerly. Hogs this week have been hovering around the \$10 mark and mutton has been very high as well.

### GANDBONE'S FORECAST FOR MARCH.

(Copyrighted 1910 by C. H. Riehl.)  
O, have you heard about the hog?  
Since it is worth its weight in gold?  
They keep a better in its pen  
And give it quinine for a cold.  
You wouldn't know the lucky brute  
Since pork was up to thirty cents.  
They pet it so and keep it in  
Such unheard-of magnificence.

The farmer always tastes the food  
To see if it will make him ill,  
And rich and appetizing soups  
Are given it instead of swill.  
The best and most expensive foods  
Are set before it without stint,  
And indigestion is forestalled  
By capping them with creme de mint.

You wouldn't know it for a sty,  
The hog is quartered in today.  
It has a ventilating fan,  
A roof, a skylight and a spray;  
And how it sleeps, eats, drinks and feels,  
And how to safeguard it from harm,  
Is all they think and talk about  
These piping days upon the farm.

The farmers lie awake at nights,  
Devising prophylactic troughs.  
The doctors fly from farm to farm  
Examining hiccupa and coughs;  
And nowadays when farmers meet  
Each other out upon a jog  
Their first and most solicitous  
Inquiry is, "How is your hog?"

March was the favorite month of the old Romans and the beginning of their year. It was named for Mars, their god of war, and continued to rank the other months until 44 B. C. when the peace party in the Senate allied with the insurgents and reduced it to third place on the calendar. Brutus and some of the others thought the empire ought to make less of war and more of business, so they made January, named for the Two-Faced Janus, the beginning of the year, and the month of February, who typified the dark and evil ways of business, to immediately follow. Caesar, who was speaker of the Senate, stood pat on the old calendar upon the ground that while war, as someone had said, is hell, business, when it reaches the trust stage, is a good deal better. A few regulars of the war party supported him, but the allies were irresistible, and he was finally stabbed.

Revising the calendar was as great an issue in Roman politics as revising the tariff has become in our own, and more than one brave leader laid down his life for the division of time as he thought it ought to be. The party had pledged. The Romans discovered very early in their history that it is in the nature of man to revise something, and they finally agreed upon the calendar as the thing over which the politicians could fight with the least damage to the peace and prosperity of the people as a whole.

The melancholy days will pass, and spring will come again to freshen up the faded grass and wake the hearts of men. The snowdrifts will awake again, borne out upon the whole, and the gerse will march across the sky to see about the pole. The thrill of spring will run along the backbone of the calf. He'll buck and dance upon the mead and hold his hinder self. He'll dream of blooming clover fields and waving curly dock, and gambol

with his right tail stuck up at 6 o'clock. The blitheome meadowlark will sing the glories of the dawn, and the robin will turn somersaults upon the greening lawn. The spring-intoxicated coit will do so about the festive frog will wake to help the Weather Bureau out, the poor consumer will rejoice and hope for better luck, and the trusts will sit around and dam the coming garden truck.

On the 4th Mr. Taft will celebrate his first anniversary in the White House with a masquerade. There has never been a masquerade there, but Mr. Taft is very anxious to have everybody come, and in view of the unsettled political conditions, the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy and some other things, he feels that as long as nobody can determine positively who else is present, there will be no occasion for anyone staying away. Pink tea will be served and there will be a picnic of Mr. Roosevelt under the roof pile in the basement. Take-offs on the consumer, allusions to June 15, costume caricatures of Speaker Cannon and other cussedness that Democrats, insurgents or Pinchot men may be up to, will be censored at the door.

And then the ideas will come around in sorrowful procession. And all the peanut carts will form in annual procession. The whistle up and down the street. Their shrilly admonition, And bid us think upon the price of temporal ambition.

It's terrible the way we are disheartened by example. It matters not which way we turn, we always see a sample of someone like us who aspired at unaccustomed angles, and always got it in the end where Cora wore the bangles. You know the Romans understood our meles and limitations, and what fools are we that aspire above our lowly stations. They used to have a man to meet the victor home from battle and mount behind his chariot, and the din and rattle, and while his vanity was roused with great acclaim to chortle and keep repeating in his ear, "Remember, you are mortal!"

They kept a lot of Romans straight. That other had strayed. But, anyway, the seventeenth. The Irish will parade in memory of him who did. For Irish snakes the same. As Roosevelt is doing now. To Ruwenzori game.

Mr. Morgan will continue his flight from Halley's Comet, passing through Paris about the 5th. Mr. Rockefeller, emboldened by his escape from Judge Landis, will not run. It is likely, however, that his benefactions will disapproach. Mr. Carnegie will also give away money on a larger scale now.

The moon will be on the celestial equator on the 12th. This will be a fortunate combination for Pinchot, and he may be able to make a point that some of the rest of us can see. The Spring Equinox will come on the round Ballston will be central around Ballston's job, and will continue until the 25th, when the moon will be full. If the sky is clear we will be able to see if he is still on the job, and if so, what is probably holding him up.

And then the April wind will blow From Araby afar.  
And on the 1st we shall recall  
What fools we mortals are.

### ORDINANCE NO. 93.

An ordinance providing for the registration of voters, the manner of registering, fixing the time for registration, the officer before whom registration may be made, and declaring an emergency.

The City of St. Helens does ordain as follows:

Sec. 1. It is hereby made the duty of the Recorder of the City of St. Helens, between the first day of March and the twentieth day of March of each year, to enter upon the proper register every person who complies with the requirements of this ordinance and the charter and laws of the City of St. Helens.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of every elector within the City of St. Helens, between the first day of March and the twentieth day of March of each year, to register with the City Recorder in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.

Sec. 3. It is hereby made the duty of the said City Recorder to secure a sufficient supply of all the books and blanks required by this ordinance, and to register all the electors in said City of St. Helens as herein required. Said registration books to be opened for registration at 8 o'clock on the first day of March and closed at 5 p. m. on the twentieth day of March.

Sec. 4. The registration books shall be ruled and printed substantially in the following form:

Official Register of Electors for the City of St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon, for the Year 19....

No.	Date	Name in full	Occupation	Age	Native	Declaration	Oath	Signature	Recorder	Remarks

The following card shall be printed in the column headed "Remarks":

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, having been first duly sworn, say that I am a qualified elector, and the statements here entered opposite my name are true."

Sec. 5. Every elector may be registered without charge by personally appearing before the City Recorder, and, after being duly sworn by said City Recorder, answering all the questions required in the registration book, under the proper headings, which answers the Recorder shall appropriately enter in said book in pen and ink; thereupon the elector shall sign his name in the proper place as designated by the said book.

Sec. 6. No person shall register who is not a qualified elector of the City of St. Helens, and who is not a resident thereof.

Sec. 7. Any elector who is not registered as herein provided, may, on the

day of any general or special City election, do so by filling out and signing a blank to be known as "Blank A," which said blank shall be substantially in the following form:

State of Oregon, County of Columbia,

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned elector, do solemnly swear or affirm, that my name and signature as signed below is my true name and signature. If I have not personally signed it, it is because \_\_\_\_\_ and it was signed at my request by the attesting officer; my age is \_\_\_\_\_ years; and occupation; nativity \_\_\_\_\_; and I declare my intention in \_\_\_\_\_ court in \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_, as appears by the naturalization papers exhibited herewith. My present residence is in the City of St. Helens and I have resided within the City of St. Helens Columbia County, Oregon, for a period of six months immediately preceding this election. In testimony whereof I have hereto signed my name.

We, the undersigned witnesses, do swear that our names and signatures are genuine; that we are each personally acquainted with the elector and his residence as stated and that we believe all his other statements are true, and that we are each freeholders within the City of St. Helens.

Subscribed and sworn to by the elector and two witnesses before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

Judge of Election,

The person so taking said oath and subscribing to said "Blank A" shall also produce two witnesses who are freeholders within the City of St. Helens who shall take and subscribe the oath as provided in "Blank A."

Sec. 8. Inasmuch as there is no ordinance providing for the registration of voters in the City of St. Helens and it is necessary for the preservation of the public peace and safety that such an ordinance be passed, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

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Read third time February 26, 1910.  
Passed.

Approved February 28, 1910  
M. E. MILLER, Mayor

SOME GOOD SHOES CHEAP—Small sizes, up to 7½, in shoes that sell at \$3.50 to \$4.50, to close them out at \$2.75. Here is a chance to get a good pair of finest custom made shoes at less than cost. Wellington's is the place

### Do You Want To Sell?

If you want to sell your business of any kind, or if you want to sell your property, and will make the price right I would like to hear from you. Give description and price. Address J. E. Smith, 513 Chamber Commerce, Portland, Oregon.

### COUNTY TREASURER'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all county road notices indorsed "Not paid for want of funds" will be paid on presentation to the treasurer. Interest ceases after this date.

R. E. QUICK, Treasurer of Columbia County, Oregon.

### Notice to Voters.

The registration books of the city of St. Helens are now open and will remain open for the registration of voters every day, from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. on March 20th, at the office of the Columbia County Abstract and Trust Company. All persons desiring to vote at the city election to be held April 4th are requested to register.

JOHN Q. GAGE, City Recorder.



St. Helens, Feb. 25, 1910

Dear Friend:

I like cracky crackers very much. The trouble with many crackers is they wout crack. You can get nice crisp crackers in this town if you know where to go. Then your mama can buy lots of things for the table and save herself the trouble of baking. My mama does. Isn't it cheaper to buy these things than to bake them?

Your friend,

JACOB.

P. S. You can get all of these baked things at WELLINGTON'S

# MASQUERADE ON SKATES

## ST. HELENS RINK

Saturday, March 12th. Good Music, Good Skates. For suits see Gay & Olsen. Admission 15c, Skates 25c.

# St. Helens Bakery

All Kinds Of  
**Pies, Cakes, Bread**  
J. E. RAMSEY, Propr.

# Berlin Bakery and COFFEE HOUSE

Everything New and Clean.  
**Try our Coffee and Cake.**

HOULTON OREGON

# THE ARCADE

ST. HELENS

An Up-to-Date Moving Picture Show, in the old Muckle store building, which has been remodeled for the purpose. Three shows every evening, beginning at 7:30.

# COLONIST RATES

to OREGON and the GREAT NORTHWEST

The management of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co. takes great pleasure in announcing that the low rates from Eastern cities, which have done so much in past seasons to stimulate travel to and settlement in Oregon, will prevail again DAILY from March 1st to April 15th, inclusive.

# PEOPLE OF OREGON

The railroads have done their part; now it's up to you. The is the greatest of all homebuilders. Do all you can to let Eastern people know about it, and encourage them to come here, where land is cheap and home building easy, attractive.

Fares Can Be Prepaid at home, if desired. Any agent of the road named is authorized to receive the required deposit and telegraph ticket to any point in the East.

Remember The Rates—From Chicago \$33; from St. Louis, \$32; from Omaha and Kansas City, \$25. This reduction is proportionate from all other cities.

WM. McMURRAY

General Passenger Agent. Portland, Oregon.

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Chicago \$33 St. Louis \$32  
PEORIA \$31.50  
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